Entry into capital market by Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.

1373. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. is entering the capital market to partially finance two of its new projects;

(b) if so, which are these new projects; and

(c) their viability in the market and whether any firm orders for the manufacture of equipment and machinery by the BEML have been received, if so, from where?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The projects relate to manufacture of hydraulic cylinders and cylinder blocks.

(c) The products are required inhouse for the engines and earth-moving construction equipment, manufactured by the company and also for sale as spares. The requisite orders are available being received on a continuing basis. The projects are remunerative for the company.

Fishing crafts apprehended by coast guard

1374. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of fishing crafts owned by the neighbouring Nations are apprehended by the coast guard for violation of territorial rights;

(b) if so, the number of fishing crafts and other vessels apprehended during the last three years and their ownerships;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the fishing crafts were carrying defence sensitive charts and sophisticated electronic gadgets;

(d) what action Government have taken against these intruders; and

(e) whether it is a fact that such movement are on increase around Andaman and Nicobar coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement giving the details is appended. (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Action has been taken under the provisions of the Maritime Zones of India Act, 1981 and the rules thereunder by handing over the vessels to the Police at the designated ports for further legal action.

(e) No, Sir.

Statement

The details of fishing crafts apprehended

Ownership	1992-93		1994-95
Pakistan	02	08	05
Sri Lanka	14	25	03
Thailand	08	20	04
Taiwan	02	01	..
Mynamar	01	..	..
S. Korea	01	..	..
Malaysia	01	..	..
Indonesia	01		03
China	..	..	03
TOTAL:	30	54	18